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1. The ship's companies of Russian vessels refitting in the Neptun Shipyard, Rostock remain on board while repairs are being carried out. They stand watch and do guard and patrol duties on board their ships. Only on the B-7 and newly constructed vessels are there Volkspolizei guard units. The order promulgated in October 1953, to the effect that German personnel may board Russian vessels only for the purpose of carrying out repairs, has been rescinded. A certain amount of fraternization is now allowed between German shipboard workers and Russian crews. Russian seamen on shore leave are now allowed in the town of Rostock. This includes enlisted men as well as officers. Russian crews congregate in various restaurants, notably the Waldrestaurant in Barnstorf and Hotel Schwedt, to drink and dance. They also frequent the Bierstube Schuenemann, while the officers normally congregate in the Neptun dockyard's club house.
2. The B-7 has not yet been fitted with radar. It has, however, been degaussed, but not on the same principles as the KULOI where the cable windings circle the ship vertically. In the B-7, they pass around the hull parallel to the water line. The cable windings pass around the ship several times and have a total width of approximately 50 cm. They are boxed in. Each cable has a diameter of approximately 3.5 cm. and is insulated. A crane suitable for lifting torpedoes has now been constructed on the port side, similar to the one already reported on the starboard side.
3. In addition to the HA gun mountings already reported both fore and aft on the KUSHKO, two gun foundations have been constructed on the signal deck. The main engine is a two-stroke diesel engine of 2,000 continental horsepower. In addition to the main engine, the KUSHKO has five auxiliary engines of between 400 and 500 continental horsepower.

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4. Freighter 1, after renewed trials on 19 October 1953, returned to the yard on the following day with a defective main engine. The trouble is still excessive revolutions, the strain of which cannot be taken by the grade of metal employed in the engine construction.
5. [redacted] the SU-6 went into dry dock. The hull plates of the fore part of the vessel are being removed and renewed. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] the "T" class MS boat [redacted] berthed [redacted] for repairs. At present, the guard rails are being renewed in some sections. 50X1-HUM
7. The ALAGES has left for trials [redacted]
8. [redacted] a seagoing tug [redacted] entered the yard for derusting and hull plate renewals. 50X1-HUM
9. A tanker [redacted] entered the yards for repairs. The vessel is approximately 1,500 tons. and appears to be very ancient. 50X1-HUM
10. [redacted] a Russian torpedo recovery vessel [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] entered the shipyards for repairs [redacted] This vessel is similar to the B-6. At present, the main engine is undergoing extensive overhaul.
12. [redacted] 2 Seepolizei G-boats [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] entered the shipyards for repairs. [redacted]

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